



Board of Trustees Action Items

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Board Moves Forward with “Erie Bucks” Initiative to Support Local Businesses – During Tuesday night’s Board of Trustees meeting, the Board moved forward with the [Erie Bucks](#) initiative in an effort to support Erie businesses.

The Town of Erie, Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Economic Development Council (EEDC) are working together to encourage Erie residents to shop in Erie through a new program called “Erie Bucks.” The Erie Bucks card will allow Erie residents to obtain one \$5 discount at participating Erie businesses. The cards have no cash value, and can only be used once on purchases greater than \$5.

RESIDENTS: All Erie households are entitled to receive one Erie Bucks card. Every address that receives a Town of Erie utility statement will receive an Erie Bucks card with their May statement. Utility customers who receive their statements electronically and residents whose household is not connected to the Town’s water/wastewater system may pick up their Erie Bucks card at the Town Hall front desk beginning May 1st. The Town will coordinate distribution of Erie Bucks cards with those Homeowner’s Associations that pay their member’s utility bills directly.

BUSINESSES: There is NO COST to businesses; however, businesses must submit a short, easy to complete [online application](#) in order to participate. Every month, participating businesses submit the amount of Erie Bucks redemptions to the Town for reimbursement. The Town will process redemptions within 15 calendar days.

Please direct questions or comments to Fred Diehl, Assistant to the Town Administrator at 303-926-2764 or fdiehl@erieco.gov.

Board Approves Resolution Supporting an Increase in RTD Tax to Complete FasTracks – The Board approved a resolution in support of an increase to the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Tax to facilitate the completion of the North Metro Corridor from Denver Union Station to 160111 Avenue by 2019 with the following stipulations:

1. That the Town would support an RTD proposal to submit a four-tenths of a cent new sales tax to the voters as early as November 20 11 in order to complete the entire system by 2019
2. That the new sales tax revenues and bonds supported by the tax be used exclusively to complete the remaining unfunded corridors which includes completing the North Metro Corridor from Denver Union Station to the end of the line at 160th Avenue.
3. That the proposed new sales tax include provisions which would sunset half of the tax (0.2%) between 2033 and 2035 with the remainder new tax sun setting between 2041 and 2043.
4. That RTD include language in the ballot question and/or enter into an agreement with jurisdictions within RTD District which provides assurance that the new revenues will be used exclusively to complete the remaining unfunded corridors and that the individual corridors within the Phase 2 corridors receive their appropriate share of these revenues to ensure that money available to complete the improvement
5. If there is extra revenue that the line would be extended from 160111 to the Erie Station.

Mayor Wilson Presents Young Patriots Award – Mayor Joe Wilson presented the Young Patriots Award to Branden Yeates, the State Champion of Colorado American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. Branden led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance. (See photo below.)



Photo: Mayor Joe Wilson presents the Young Patriots Award to Branden Yeates.

Mayor Wilson Presents Award for Community Service – Mayor Joe Wilson presented the the Mayor's Award for Community Service to Robyn Schopmeyer in recognition for inspiring exemplary community service as well as aiding friends and neighbors in their time of need. (See photo below.)



Photo: Mayor Joe Wilson presents the Mayor's Award for Community Service to Robyn Schopmeyer.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – Next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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